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Sir:

Prior to any action with respect to the above-identified divisional continuing application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

Please amend the specification by deleting the referenced paragraphs and replacing them with the corresponding amended paragraphs below. A copy of the amended paragraphs with deletions bracketed and additions underlined is appended hereto.

Delete the paragraph on page 1 at line 1 under the heading "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" and replace it with the following:

This is a divisional continuing application of pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/589,260, filed June 7, 2000.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-22 without prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,

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